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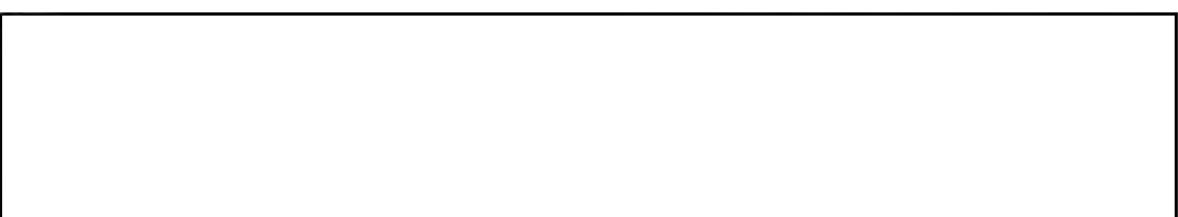


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West Germany

The opposition Christian Democrats yesterday named Ernst Albrecht, the Minister President of the state of Lower Saxony, as their Chancellor-candidate in the parliamentary elections which must be held by the end of next summer. The Christian Democrats' traditional Bavarian ally, the Christian Social Union, on Thursday had nominated its leader Franz Josef Strauss--currently the Minister President of Bavaria--as a Chancellor-candidate.



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Vietnam-China

Hanoi's Foreign Ministry yesterday sent a formal note to China suggesting that the bilateral peace talks, which ended in Hanoi on 18 May, be resumed in Beijing "around 15 June." The Vietnamese said their delegation would be headed by a vice foreign minister. Red Cross delegations from both sides, as expected, made their second exchange of prisoners of war yesterday despite a minor incident allegedly caused by shooting from the Vietnamese side of the border. A further exchange is scheduled for a week from today.

Thailand-Vietnam

Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak has told Ambassador Abramowitz that the Vietnamese Ambassador on Sunday passed along assurances from Premier Pham Van Dong that Vietnamese forces would not enter Thailand and that Dong would honor his past promises about dealings with Thailand. Kriangsak said he remains skeptical of these assurances and noted Vietnamese troop dispositions along the Thai-Kampuchean border. The Vietnamese Ambassador, according to Kriangsak, also referred to his country's economic problems and poor prospects for alleviating them, remarks interpreted by the Thai leader as an implicit criticism of the level of Soviet economic assistance.

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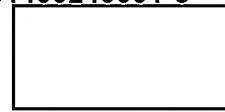
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Libya-Algeria

Libyan leader Qadhafi yesterday completed a five-day visit to Algeria, and the concluding joint communique highlighted the two countries' areas of agreement. The US Embassy in Algiers commented, however, that the apparent fence-mending effort is not likely to solve bilateral differences, which include--but are not limited to--Algiers' distrust of Qadhafi's views on the establishment of a greater Saharan nation and Libyan financial backing of socialist ideologue and National Front Party coordinator Mohamed Yahiaoui, Algerian President Bendjedid's major political rival. It noted Yahiaoui was not highly visible during the Qadhafi visit, a possible indication that his power is on the wane.

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Rhodesia

As expected, Josiah Gumede, the candidate of Bishop Muzorewa, was elected the first president of the new government yesterday. The election was contested by a candidate from the party of Chief Ndiweni. Gumede reportedly will formally appoint and swear in Muzorewa as Prime Minister today; the new government is to take office on Friday.

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COMMENT: *Ndiweni's party, alleging it had not been consulted on the choice of a president, had announced on Sunday that it would not be part of the governing coalition. Ironically, Muzorewa's party had chosen Gumede to placate the interests of the Ndebele tribe--to which Gumede and Chief Ndiweni both belong. It is not yet clear whether Ndiweni is still maneuvering for a better post in the as yet unannounced cabinet or has concluded that he can be more effective as a leader of the opposition in parliament. His party has nine seats in the lower house of parliament.*

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